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MIRCEA CAPATINA-RATA

Based on available information and investigation to date, Mircea Capatina-Rata, Second Secretary, Romanian Embassy, Washington, D.C., is known to be affiliated with the Romanian Intelligence Service (RIS), "Securitate."

July 9, 1975

CG T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that Mircea Capatina-Rata checked into Room 1337 of the LaSalle Hotel that date at 1:02 p.m.

On July 10, 1975, CG T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that Capatina purchased a ticket without reservation for United Airlines flight 327 at Washington National Airport during the morning of July 9, 1975.

At approximately 3:20 p.m. Special Agents (SAs) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed Capatina to depart the lobby of the LaSalle Hotel, 10 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois, and walk east on Madison Street to Michigan Avenue, where he proceeded south to the Chicago Art Institute. After approximately one hour, Capatina was observed to meet John Volf[illegible] United States (U.S.) citizen of Romanian descent, age 65, who resides in Chicago, Illinois. They proceeded together to the Palmer Steak House, located in the Palmer House Hotel, where they dined and talked for approximately two hours.

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Together they departed this restaurant and entered a coffee shop located at 17 East Washington Street, where they continued to converse for approximately another one-half hour.

At approximately 8:00 p.m., after parting company with Tolcea, Capatina returned to the LaSalle Hotel and Tolcea returned to his residence at 3515 North Sheffield, Chicago, Illinois.

CG T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported on July 11, 1975, that it was learned that Tolcea traveled to Madrid, Spain, in late May or early June, 1975, and as previously requested by Capatina, met with Horia Sima and George Costea, who are the exiled leaders of the Legionnaire Movement of the Romanian Iron Guard.

The Romanian Iron Guard was a political movement founded after World War I for the purpose of strengthening unstable economic conditions, eliminating semitic and foreign influence, achieving educational reform, boycotting large industrial and governmental interests, and promoting interests of the peasantry. The movement was pro-monarchy, pro-German, and anti-Communist and was active in the 1930's to the mid 1940's when the pro-Nazi regime was ousted by the communists. The leadership of this organization presently resides in exile in Madrid, Spain.

According to CG T-3, Tolcea met with Sima and Costea, and as instructed by Capatina, he encouraged them to cease publishing anti-Romanian Communist propaganda and to mend the ideological split which exists between the Legionnaires and the Communists and to join forces in a united pro-Romanian front. According to CG T-3, Tolcea related to Sima that Romania needs the help of all "true Romanians" dispersed throughout the world to defend it against the Soviets and the non-Romanian minorities living in the country who have been working against Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu.

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CG T-3 stated that Tolcea indicated that Capatina was highly satisfied with his, Tolcea's, travel to Spain and his establishing contact with Sima and Costea. CG T-3 believed that Capatina offered to pay some of Tolcea's travel expenses, however, Tolcea refused this offer in favor of soliciting Capatina's cooperation in assisting him in bringing relatives to the U.S. from Romania. CG T-3 stated that Capatina would probably meet Tolcea again in the next three or four months.

At approximately 10:00 p.m., SAs of the FBI observed Capatina to be met in the Gay 90's Lounge, adjacent to the LaSalle Hotel, by Theodore Gotis, naturalized U.S. citizen approximately 35 years old, who immigrated to the U.S. in 1965. After approximately an hour and a half, Capatina escorted Gotis to his automobile and returned to his room at the LaSalle Hotel.

July 10, 1975

CG T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that Capatina unsuccessfully attempted to contact Teodor Munteanu, Chief, Romanian Commercial Office, at his office located at 100 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Based on available information and investigation to date, Munteanu is suspected of affiliation with the RIS.

CG T-3 reported that during the morning of July 10, 1975, Capatina contacted Sam D[illegible] whom source described as a naturalized U.S. citizen who emigrated from Romania over forty years ago and who in recent years has frequently contacted the Romanian Embassy in Washington, D.C., in connection with bringing relatives to the U.S. for visits or immigration.

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Source stated that Capatina inquired as to the activities of Daia's niece, whom source described as El[illegible]armansky, a Romanian citizen, age 25, who came to the U.S. in the fall of 1974 as a visitor. According to CG T-3, Capatina was interested in determining Karmansky's employment and status in school. CG T-3 stated that Capatina desired to meet Daia personally at the LaSalle Hotel, but that due to Daia's poor health, he was unable to meet Capatina at this time.

CG T-1 reported that Capatina checked out of Room 1337 of the LaSalle Hotel at 12:08 p.m. on July 10, 1975.

At approximately 2:00 p.m., SAs of the FBI observed Capatina to board United Airlines flight 412 for Washington, D.C.

CG T-2 reported that Capatina had previously held a reservation for United Airlines flight 488 which was scheduled to leave Chicago for Washington, D.C. at 5:10 p.m. CG T-2 stated, however, that after Capatina arrived at O'Hare International Airport he requested standby reservations for the earlier flight to Washington, D.C.

On July 11, 1975, CG T-4 reported that Teodor Munteanu unsuccessfully attempted to contact Mircea Capatina-Rata in Room 1337 at the LaSalle Hotel.

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